DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Recently I deputed him to go and check work in certain fields.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: If his experience and assistance are so very valuable why did the other Governments spare him?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: He retired from Baroda very recently.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether he is keeping very good health.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To the best of my knowledge he is keeping very good health.

Vizhinjam Harbour.

175 ❊ MR. J. T. MORAES *(Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum)*: Will the Government be pleased to state, whether the survey of the Vizhinjam Harbour has been completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No.

MR. J. T. MORAES: When do the Government expect to complete the survey of the Vizhinjam Harbour?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: An officer has been appointed and the survey is nearly finished.

Irrigation.

176. ❊MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state the amount allotted to Parur taluk for purposes of irrigation during the current year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Rs. 24,125.

MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: May I know from the Chief Engineer the exact amount now spent in Parur?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I could not tell it offhand. I must collect data.

P. W. D. Reserve Fund.

177. ❊ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI *(Tiruvalla)*: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a P. W. D. Reserve Fund constituted with the unexpended amounts provided for in the Budget;

(b) the date on which Government have sanctioned such a P. W. D. Reserve Fund and the object with which it is constituted; and

(c) the total amount of such Reserve Fund at the close of 1120 and the probable amount of such Reserve Fund by the end of 1121?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: *(a)* Yes.

(b) 29-1-1943. The fund is constituted with the object of preventing lapse of unspent balance and utilising the same in the subsequent year or years under a three year plan for continuing the execution of original works under buildings, communications and Miscellaneous Public improvements.

(c) Rs. 8,02,557—and Rs. 18,02,557.

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MR. THEROOR S. MUTHUKARUPPA PILLAI: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether he has spent any amount from this fund?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRSIHNAN: Yes, Sir.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: The amount given for the reserve fund for the year 1120 is Rs. 8,02,557 and that for 1121 Rs. 18,02,557. Is it not clear that almost all the works provided in the budget are not done?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Various kinds of works are in different stages. Due to various reasons these works are not progressing as fast as we wanted them to.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: Shall we hope that in the next year also works will progress in the same way as it did in the last year. The total reserve for 1120 was Rs. 8 lakhs. This year it was Rs. 18 lakhs and it will be the entire allotment next year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Hope not, Sir.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it was due to the non-co-operation of your subordinates?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: No Sir.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know from the Chief Engineer whether an amount sanctioned for one work this year, if it is not completed this year, will be spent in the next year?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It may well be spent.

Highway Scheme.

178. ✽ MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the part this Government have to play in the Highway Scheme of the Government of India;

(*b*) how many miles of this highway are to run through this State;

(*c*) the estimated cost of the highway;

(*d*) what steps this Government have taken to implement this scheme; and

(*e*) what is the width of this road?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) There is no definite information.

(*b*) 198 miles.

(*c*) Regular estimate has yet to be prepared.

(*d*) The major portion of the length has been surveyed and demarcated and the estimate is under preparation for the surveyed lengths.

(*e*) The width of the road is 43 feet at formation level and varying from 66 feet to 100 feet.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Is our scheme independent of the India Government Scheme?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Originally it was part of the India Government's scheme. The portions between Cochin and the Northern border is part of the Travancore scheme.

MR. K. A. MOHAMED: Will the Chief Engineer kindly give us an idea as to how much amount it will cost?

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